

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Leave of Absence is granted.

2-30 P.M.

Members' Representations

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Narasimharaja).—Sir, hon'ble member Sri Bangarappa has moved an Adjournment Motion regarding Ramanagaram incident. It may be taken up.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—He has not moved the Adjournment Motion; he has sent notice of Adjournment Motion.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I have also sent a notice for moving an Adjournment Motion in regard to the Ramanagaram incident that took place yesterday.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will take it up after the Call Attention Notice.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the situation that has arisen on account of clashes between sections of people in Ajjampur and Tarikere Towns.

† ಶ್ರೀ ಹಾಜಿ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ (ತರೀಕೆರೆ).—ನಾನು ಹೇಳತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯವಾದದ್ದು ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಸಭೆಯು ಶಾಂತವಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಸುಮ್ಮನಿದ್ದೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಅಂಥಾದ್ದು, ಸಭೆಯವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಇವನ್ನು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ತಾರೀಖು 11-2-1968 ಮತ್ತು ತಾ || 12-2-1968 ಈ ಎರಡು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ತರೀಕೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿದ್ದಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅನ್ನುವುದು ಒಂದು ಇದೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಅನ್ನುವಂಥ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆ ಎರಡು ದಿವಸಗಳ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹೋಂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಸಿ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆನು. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಉತ್ತರ ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಅದು ನಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಾ || 11-2-1968ನೇ ದಿವಸ ತರೀಕೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜೇಷೂರ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಗ್ರಾಮಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ಧೈರ್ಯವನ್ನಾಳಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಮಹದೇವಪ್ಪ ಅನ್ನುವವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆ ತಪ್ಪು ವಂತೆ ಹೊಡೆದರು. ಮತ್ತು ಅವೇ ದಿವಸ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸಬ್ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರನ್ನು ಹೊಡೆದರು. ಹಾಗೆ ಹೊಡೆತ ತಿಂದು ಗಾಯಗೊಂಡವರನ್ನು ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಸಾಗಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಜನರು ತರೀಕೆರೆಯ ಕಡೆಗೆ ತರೀಕೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಕಿಹಚ್ಚಿ ಊರನ್ನು ಲೂಟಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.

ಅದಾದ ನಂತರ ತಾ || 12-2-1968 ನೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಸುಮಾರು ಆರುವರೆ ಗಂಟೆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತರೀಕೆರೆಯ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಟೆಲಿಫೋನ್ ಪೈರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕತ್ತರಿಸಿ ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನೂ

ಅಲ್ಲದ್ದು ಹೆಂಗನರು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಲ್ಲೆ ನಡೆಸಲು ಅಜ್ಜಂಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ರೆಂಗೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳ ಜನರು ಬಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ವಿಚಾರ. ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ಆ ಜನರು ಏನು ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಮಾಡಿದರು, ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು ಮತ್ತು ಆ ಹಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹಿಂದೆ ಯಾರನ್ನಾ ಡರೂ ಕೊಲೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಿತ್ತೇ ಅನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾನು ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ. ಆ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ತೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the situation that has arisen on account of clashes between sections of people in Ajjampur and Tarikere Towns.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—Sir, the Calling Attention Notices by the hon'ble members Sriyuths, M.S. Krishnan and M. Mallappa are concurrent because they relate to the incidents of 9th and 10th February 1968. The Calling Attention Notice by hon'ble Member Sri Hanji Shivanna is in respect of incidents that occurred on 11th February 1968, 12th February 1968 and 13th February 1968.

On the night of 9th February 1968 some persons mostly from Tarikere went to Ajjampur to witness a Kannada Picture arranged in connection with the annual Jatra at Antharghatta. At about 1-30 A.M., on the 10th, the dynamo failed and the mob began to shout asking the management to return the money. They indulged in destroying the electric wires, thatties, etc., of the touring talkies and burnt them. One of the constables from the outpost rushed to the spot to restore order, but he was beaten and manhandled. In this connection a case in crime No. 9/68 under section 143/144/352/152 read with 149 IPC of Birur Police Station has been registered against 28 persons. On the afternoon of 10th February 1968 some people of Tarikere were returning from Antharghatta to Tarikere via Ajjampur in 14 Bullock carts. On the way one of the carts broke down; some people sustained minor injuries. At that time some people of Ajjampur were coming in a bus which stopped at the spot to enquire into the incident. One of the passengers in the bus seeing the broken cart is alleged to have made fun of them. This enraged the cartmen of Tarikere and they dragged the said passenger out of the bus and assaulted him. A case in crime No. 13/68 under Section 143/149-147/148/324 and 326 IPC read with 34 and 109 I.P.C. has been registered at Ajjampur Police Station. On 11th February 1968 about 500 people went up to the outskirts of Ajjampur on hearing a false rumour that three persons of Tarikere were manhandled by the people of Ajjampur. The Police and the Revenue Officers rushed to the spot and informed the people of Tarikere that the rumours about the Ajjampur people having assaulted three persons of Tarikere were false and prevailed upon them to return and they returned to Tarikere. An order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. was promulgated on 13th February 1968 within a radius of 5 miles of Ajjampur and Tarikere for a period of 15 days.

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In between these two days, another incident also happened. In this connection I wish to take up the incident which has connection with Sri Hanji Shivanna's Calling Attention Notice.

Regarding Hanji Shivanna's call attention notice, I state as follows :

On 11th February 1968 at about 11 A.M. Sri C. Mahadevappa, V. P. Chairman of Javoor Village under Ajjampur P. S. had gone to Tarikere N. E. S. Office. There he was assaulted by about 10 to 15 persons. Immediately the Police Sub Inspector, Tarikere rushed to the spot, rescued Sri Mahadevappa and sent him to hospital for treatment. He was not unconscious. In this connection Cr. No. 18/68, under sections 143, 149, 323 and 379 IPC has been registered at Tarikere Police Station. So far 8 persons have been arrested.

On the same day the bus in which the Police Sub-Inspector, Kadur was returning from Ajjampur to Tarikere was stopped, at about 2-15 P.M. by a mob of 500 persons of Tarikere. They dragged the Police Sub-Inspector out of the bus and assaulted him. His uniform was torn. The Circle-Inspector of Police who was also in the bus, with a great difficulty rescued the Police Sub-Inspector and sheltered him in a room of a Cobblers shop for about an hour. In this connection Cr. No. 20/68, under Sections 143, 152, 147, 341, 332, 353 read with 149 I. P. C. has been registered at Tarikere Police Station. After the mob was cleared, the Circle Inspector took the injured Sub-Inspector to Bhadravathi hospital for treatment.

In the meanwhile there were rumours spread at Tarikere stating that the people of Tarikere had been manhandled by Ajjampur village. The mob became restive and wanted to rush to Ajjampur. The Circle Inspector of Police who was at Tarikere, assured the mob that no one had been injured and the Assistant Commissioner had already gone to verify the rumour. He further assured them that he would also go to Ajjampur to verify the version and requested them to keep peace. The Circle Inspector immediately proceeded to Ajjampur and on the way learning from the Asst. Commissioner who was returning from Ajjampur that the rumours were baseless, returned to Tarikere, at about 11-30 P.M. and informed the public who were waiting there. However, the mob was not satisfied with the version of the officers. They asked Sri Parameswarappa, Ex-M.L.A. and few others including Asst. Commissioner to accompany them to Ajjampur again to verify the same.

At that time 3 vehicles were coming towards Ajjampur from Tarikere. The Asst. Commissioner and the Circle Inspector

along with the leaders came to the outskirts of Ajjampur, stopped the Tarikere mob and assured them that the rumours were false and prevailed upon them to return.

These are incidents on 11th February 1968.

On 12th February 1968 at about 5-20 P.M. one Sri Ramanna of Tarikere was brought in a bullock cart through the main street of Tarikere to the hospital alleging that he had been injured by Ajjampur people while returning from Antharagatta. On hearing this the crowd became violent, cut off telephone wires and disrupted communications despite warning by the Police. In this connection Cr No. 24/68, under Sections 143, 149, 427 read with Cl.3 (4) read with 25(e) of Indian Telegraph Act has been registered. So far two accused persons have been arrested.

On the same day 19.30 hrs. a mob of 500 people went to the house of Sri Hanji Shivanna, dragged him out along with one Sri T. D. Topanna, forced him to sit in a lorry, abused him and tried to take him away to Ajjampur. But the Circle Inspector and the Municipal President intervened and rescued Sri Shivanna. Sri Shivanna was unconscious for a while but he regained consciousness after sipping a glass of water. In this connection Cr. No. 28/68 under section 143, 149, 341, 451, 506, 323 I. P. C. has been registered. So far 10 persons have been arrested.

Same night the mob collected at Tarikere, forcibly obtained 5 vehicles and drove them to Ajjampura. On hearing the information, the Dy. Commissioner, Asst. Commissioner, Deputy Superintendent of Police and Sub-Inspector rushed to the spot, stopped the vehicles at the outskirts and prevailed upon them to return to Tarikere, as the information of assault of Sri Ramanna by Ajjampur people was false.

At about 8 A.M. on 13th February 1968 the Asst. Commissioner of Tarikere promulgated an order under Section 144 Cr. Procedure Code within the radius of 5 miles of Ajjampur and Tarikere for a period of 15 days. The situation is quiet at present.

These are the facts which have been furnished by the concerned authorities and I have placed them before this august House.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—According to the report read by the Minister for Home, anybody will come to the conclusion that from 9th February 1968 to 12th February 1968 there was so much of trouble and no protection was given to our M. L. A. either by the Police Department or by the Revenue Authorities. The Police Sub Inspector was injured and was taken to Hospital. A mob of 500 people forcibly put a person in the lorry and tried to take him away to Ajjampur. This shows there was no law and order in that area for 3 days. I do not

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know how the authorities kept quiet. A M.L.A. was forcibly removed from his House. There was no law and order. Only on the 13th morning the Assistant Commissioner promulgated the prohibitory order.

(Some members stood up to speak).

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Order, order. There should be no discussion on this. I have allowed Mr. Sivappa since he is the leader of the Opposition.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—On the point which my Hon'ble friend Sri Sivappa made, I wish to state that it is a serious matter. I shall have to take into due consideration in this respect of affairs that are reported in this fashion. Sir, I can only assure the House that necessary action will be taken.

Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—Questions can be allowed on behalf of the persons who have called the attention of the Hon'ble Ministers. Those members have got right to put questions. I have submitted this fact before long and the Hon'ble Speaker was also kind enough to give a ruling on this. I am prepared to quote or give a ruling of the Lok Sabha in this behalf. According to this ruling a member concerned is allowed to put question. This House also may allow that procedure laid down in the Lok Sabha. I request the Chair to consider this point.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We are not following the procedure of the Lok Sabha here. But anyway I will consider.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT—REPRESENTATIONS FOR CONSENT OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Mr. Bangarappa, Mr. Azeez Sait and Mr. M. S. Krishnan have also given a notice on the same matter. Yesterday also they raised the issue. But it was postponed for to-day. Anyway, the matter could be discussed when the demands for grants relating to Police Department are taken up.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, this is a very important matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There is no need to spend time on this. Anyway, I will ask the Hon'ble Minister for Home to state what has happened there.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, it is a specific matter. It is entirely different.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The matter is already before the House. Anyway, I will ask the Hon'ble Minister to say what has happened there. Of course, it is a matter which has happened in the course of maintaining law and order.